

*Background -
not sent to bureaus.*

A few comments on your Southwest Asian Coverage breakdown for Gulf Bureau:

1. ARABIC

No problem with Kabul Arabic (1/2 hour a day, probably not productive-- should require very little manpower. Maybe not worth covering regularly).

No problem with Iranian regionals. We may find one or two more as the situation develops. Suggest relatively close coverage of any local casts and frequent checks for additional casts and stations.

Tehran Arabic coverage would be a very heavy load for Gulf (it's 11 hours daily at present). Unless you expect this coverage to be reduced drastically over the next year or so (say, to 3-4 hours daily or less), don't see how Gulf could handle it along with other Arabic coverage it is slotted to take. I would oppose splitting ~~xxx~~ coverage with Amman. ~~as the Amman coverage is not~~

Baghdad Domestic Arabic coverage should stay at Amman unless it is clearly better received and provides more substantial coverage at Gulf. Trying to split Baghdad Domestic and Voice of the Masses coverage would, I think, be very messy.

Very dubious about Voice of the Egyptian People coverage at Gulf. Even if they can hear it, and I can find no indication (in a quick check) that it has ever been checked there, why should they take it? They have no other Egypt related coverage. Amman has taken it in the past and can again when their T/O is back to normal. I would leave it at Amman.

Gulf State coverage would be a natural target for Gulf. Expect coordination with bureau(s) taking press agency coverage might be a little burdensome.

~~xxx~~ Yemeni and Yemeni clandestine coverage also possible. Not sure three monitors can handle this and other Arabic coverage too.

I would see Gulf Arabic coverage like this:

- Kabul Arabic (if necessary, probably just checking)
- Iranian regionals
- Gulf state Arabic/English (radio and publications)
- Yemeni domestics and clandestines (possibly not all of them)
- OR Tehran Arabic (instead of, or with very limited, Gulf and Yemeni coverage)

2. AZERI

Iranian regional coverage -- no problem. We might find a few more. Doubt any of them will be very productive until political ~~situation~~ situation changes in Iran for better or worse.

No problem with Soviet regional casts. These are both International and Domestic.

You would also have a backstop for NVOI if necessary.

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3. DARI

No problem with either Moscow of Dushanbe Dari coverage.

There is also Delhi International Dari if spare monitors are available.

Presume Gulf would also backstop for Kabul Domestic.

4. ENGLISH

No problem with Kabul to South Asia. Doubt it will produce much.

I am totally opposed to Gulf taking on any Karachi ~~Domestic~~ coverage, either in English or Urdu. There is no reason to split this coverage. Bangkok can handle it; Gulf cannot. Bangkok has better reception than Gulf. Bangkok has better, more experienced monitors than Gulf. Bangkok has other related South Asian coverage; Gulf does not (except for a little from Kabul). I can see Gulf playing a backstop role, but it should not have regular coverage. Amen.

By Bahraini press assume you mean publications. No problem with this. In fact, see no reason why other Gulf State publications in English (and Arabic) as well as some voice casts cannot be taken at Gulf Bureau.

5. PASHTO

No problem with Moscow Pashto (expect this repeats the Dari) or Tehran Pashto.

Presume by Kabul Pashto you mean the Domestic Service. See no reason for Gulf to Backstop BBC on Kabul Pashto/Dari to Europe. Gulf should backstop BBC (or Islamabad) on Kabul Domestic Dari and Pashto.

There is also a Delhi Pashto that could be checked.

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6. PERSIAN

No problem with any of the coverage listed. Would ~~rather~~ prefer to be flexible on coverage of various clandestine stations (including NVOI), letting Gulf and Tel Aviv shift these around to ~~suit the~~ suit their staffing. In addition to Radio Iran, there is Free Voice of Iran which you did not list.

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7. URDU

No problem with Kabul Urdu to South Asia. This will probably be better received at Islamabad, but doubt that it will produce much in any case.

Again, am totally opposed to Gulf ~~splitting~~ splitting Karachi coverage with

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Bangkok. There is absolutely no justification for it. I would give Gulf a backstop role only.

If Bangkok must have help with its Urdu coverage (and I am far from convinced that it must), giving Moscow and Beijing Urdu to Gulf is the most acceptable proposition. It still gives Bangkok coverage of all Moscow and Beijing casts to South Asia except Urdu, which doesn't really make a lot of sense, but if Bangkok must have relief, that ~~xxxx~~ would be the best way to do it.

No problem with Tehran Urdu checks.

There is also some Tashkent Urdu for possible checking.

QUESTION:

What about coverage in Russian
Kurdish
Georgian
Kazakh
Armenian
Turkmen
Uzbek

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INDIAN COVERAGE:

Agree, very little chance for productive coverage from any Indian stations except perhaps some Delhi casts to the Muslim World (and those are of doubtful productivity).

PAKISTAN COVERAGE:

There is ~~xxx~~ ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE that Gulf Bureau reception will allow it to assume full coverage of Pakistan.

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SOUTH WEST ASIA
PROJECTED COVERAGE

Sept.-Oct.

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GULF:

Arabic : ✓ Tehran
✓ Gulf states ~~Tehran~~
Oman
Yemens
Abadan Noic
Baghdad DS.
VOEP ?

PERSIAN

Iran Regionals
Baghdad ~~Source~~
Tehran TV
Dushanbe
Tashkent
Baku
MOSCOW

Dari: Moscow

~~Kabul~~
~~Tehran~~
Dushanbe ~~Source~~

Urdu:

Karachi 1500
Kabul
Moscow
Tehran
Beijing
Newspapers

Pashto: Moscow

Kabul (backstop)
Tehran?

Azeri:

Tabriz
Bona ~~Source~~
Baku - check
Yerevan -check

English:

Karachi 1700
Kabul

Consider transferring all Pak coverage to Gulf in future.

Appears no chance for productive coverage of any Indian transmitters
Gradually (in segments) assume coverage of Tehran Arabic

TEL AVIV

All NVOI in Persian seven days a week

NVOI in Azeri --check and compare

~~Beijing Persian (check)~~

~~Coordinate with GF on coverage of Baghdad Persian~~

FAKE VOICE OF IRAK (FVOI) in Persian

NICOSIA

Give up all Persian coverage

Eventually return GNA to Jordan--when GF takes Tehran Arabic